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Applicants: Pandian et al. Art Unit: 1634
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Title: METHOD OF AMPLIFICATION FOR INCREASING THE SENSITIVITY
OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed February 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

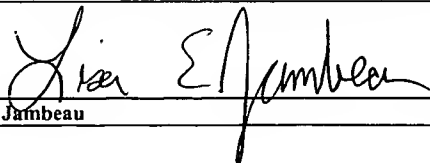
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **July 2, 2004**, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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